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### REMARKS

No claims are added, amended, or canceled. Claims 1-17 remain in the application.

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

The Action of May 24, 2005 was an Ex Parte Quayle action, and prosecution on the merits is thereby closed. Applicants submit this amendment to address formal issues raised by the Examiner in the office action of November 11, 2005.

The Examiner has objected to the application for the following reasons: The word "spherical" is missing from the amendment to Col. 2 and Claim 1. Also, 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c) requires an explanation, *i.e.* line and page, of the support in the disclosure for any changes/amendments made.

Applicant has re-presented the amendments to Col. 2 with underlining and bracketing to show added and deleted text, as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.173(d).

Applicant has re-presented Claim 1 with underlining and bracketing to show added and deleted text, as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.173(d).

Applicant has also presented a chart complying with 37 C.F.R. 1.173(c). The chart shows the status (*i.e.*, pending or canceled), as of the date of this amendment, of all patent claims and of all added claims, and an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the patent for the changes made to the claims in this amendment.

The claims having been previously indicated as being allowable, the foregoing is believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action dated November 10, 2005. For the reasons set forth above, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

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Reconsideration of the application is requested, and allowance of the claims at an early date  
is courteously solicited.

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